

Senate Resolution 1255

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd and Thompson of the 14th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating the International Aerial Robotics Competition (IARC) on  
2 its 25th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, founded by Robert Michelson, past president of the Association for Unmanned  
4 Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) and current Principal Research Engineer Emeritus  
5 with the Georgia Tech Research Institute, IARC is the longest running university based  
6 robotics competition in the world; and

7 WHEREAS, since its first competition in 1991 at the Georgia Institute of Technology, IARC  
8 has driven state-of-the art aerial robotics technology forward, solving previously unimagined  
9 autonomous aerial robotics missions; and

10 WHEREAS, over the past 25 years and six completed missions, IARC has fostered  
11 international technology research developments through undergraduate and graduate teams  
12 from universities across the United States, Canada, China, Europe, Africa, Australia, and  
13 Asia; and

14 WHEREAS, IARC's resulting innovation and research advances have been featured widely  
15 on the Discovery Channel, CNN, BBC, Scientific American Frontiers, and various  
16 independent and national network affiliate programs; and

17 WHEREAS, through partnerships with the AUVSI Foundation, industry, and government,  
18 and with support from such Georgia based sponsors as the Georgia Center of Innovation for  
19 Aerospace, the AUVSI Atlanta Chapter, and the Georgia Tech Center for Career Discovery  
20 and Development, IARC has grown to two simultaneous competition venues, an  
21 Asian-Pacific venue, currently held in China, and an American venue; and

22 WHEREAS, IARC's American venue returns to Georgia Tech's McAmish Pavilion for  
23 Mission 7 after circulating among numerous competition locations, including Walt Disney

24 World's EPCOT Center, the Canada Olympic Village in Calgary, Canada, and the University  
25 of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez; and

26 WHEREAS, when the 2016 American venue competition kicks off in August, a team from  
27 Kennesaw State University will have the opportunity to defend their 2015 IARC award for  
28 Most Innovative Design.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 commend International Aerial Robotics Competition for its tremendous achievements in  
31 inspiring and advancing aerial robotics research within the State of Georgia and the world  
32 and offer congratulations on its 25th anniversary and upcoming 2016 American venue  
33 competition at Georgia Tech's McAmish Pavilion.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
36 press.